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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: ANDREOTTI VISIT TO ROMANIA

1. SUMMARY. ANDREOTTI VISIT PRODUCED NO SURPRISES. PUBLIC STATEMENTS WERE ROUTINE, THE TWO AGREEMENTS SIGNED ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND POSTAL/TELECOMMUNICATIONS ARE MINOR, AND JOINT DECLARATION ON COOPERATION IN YOUTH AFFAIRS APPEARS INTENDED MORE FOR BELGRADE CSCE AUDIENCE THAN FOR MEANINGFUL BILATERAL PROGRAMS. IN NON-PUBLICIZED ASPECTS, ITALIANS MADE NO NOTABLE PROGRESS IN RESOLVING THE HUNDREDS OF PENDING MARRIAGE CASES. BELGRADE WAS A MAJOR TOPIC, WITH ROMANIANS LAYING USUAL STRESS ON UNITY OF FINAL ACT AND BASKET I ITEMS BUT SIDE-STEPPING ITALIAN PRODDING ON ISSUES OF INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS. WHILE VISIT WAS MORE SYMBOLIC THAN  
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SUBSTANTIVE, NEVERTHELESS IT MAY CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN THE DOLDRUMS SINCE CEAUSESCU'S 1973 TRIP TO ROME. END SUMMARY.

2. MAY 25-27 VISIT OF ITALIAN PREMIER ANDREOTTI  
FEATURED TWO SESSIONS WITH CEAUSESCU, TWO CEREMONIAL

MEALS (BOTH HOSTED BY ROMANIANS), SIGNING OF COMMERCIAL AND POSTAL/TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENTS, A JOINT COMMUNIQUE, AND A SPECIAL DECLARATION ON MUTUAL COOPERATION IN YOUTH AFFAIRS. ANDREOTTI WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI, AND THREE SENIOR ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

3. PUBLIC STATEMENTS ARE UNEXCEPTIONAL. IN MAY 26 LUNCHEON TOAST, CEAUSESCU LAID PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON NEED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AT BELGRADE CSCE CONFERENCE. COMMUNIQUE ALSO DEVOTES MAJOR SECTION TO BELGRADE, INCLUDING SHORT PARAGRAPH OBVIOUSLY INSERTED BY ITALIANS CALLING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF FINAL ACT PROVISIONS CONCERNING "COOPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN REALM." OTHERWISE, COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS STANDARD ROMANIAN FORUMATIONS ON BALKAN COOPERATION, DISARMAMENT, CYPRUS, MIDDLE EAST, AND A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO EXPAND THE EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, INCLUDING THRID-COUNTRY MARKETS. AREAS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED WERE MACHINE CONSTRUCTION, METALURGY, CHEMICAL AND PETROCHEMICAL, ELECTRONICS, MINING AND MINERALS, AND AGRICULTURE. DECLARATION ON COLLABORATION IN YOUTH AFFAIRS IS LONG ON RHETORIC, INCLUDING A BOW TO HELSINKI, BUT DOES ENVISION A SERIES OF VISITS, SEMINARS, EXCHANGES OF DELEGATIONS, EXHIBITIONS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES. ANDREOTTI "PRESS CONFERENCE" MAY 27 WAS SHORT AND UNIFORMALY BLAND. ROMANIAN MEDIA COVERAGE WAS NORMAL FOR A VISIT OF THIS TYPE.

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4. ITALIAN EMBOFF BRIEFED NATO COLLEAGUES JUNE 2 ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF VISIT. HE NOTED ANDREOTTI TRIP RETURNS THAT OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER MAURER IN 1968 AND NOT THAT OF CEAUSESCU IN MAY 1973. POSSIBILITY OF VISIT OF ITALIAN PREMIER WAS DICUSSED IN 1971 AND 1975 BUT WAS DEFERRED FOR VARIOUS REASONS. DECISION TO SCHEDULE IT NOW WAS TAKEN RELATIVELY RECENTLY, AND ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE HAD ONLY A MONTH'S ADVANCE NOTICE.

5. ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS, POSTAL/TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT IS TECHNICAL AND CONTAINS NOTHING NEW. ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT WAS DIFFICULT TBIDRAFT IN VIEW OF EC COMMISSION'S COMPETENCE ON TRADE MATTERS. (COMMENT: IMPLICATION IS THAT THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS LITTLE SUBSTANCE.) YOUTH DECLARATION WAS A ROMANIAN INITIATIVE; IT IS NOT SELF-IMPLEMENTING AND CONCRETE PROGRAMS WILL BE DETERMINED BY EXISTING JOINT CULTURAL COMMISSION. ITALIAN EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT GOI IMPRESSION IS THAT ROMANIANS

WANTED THIS AGREEMENT FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES AT BELGRADE  
IN ANY BASKET III DISCUSSIONS.

6. ANDREOTTI TALKS WITH CEAUSESCU WERE PRIMARILY TOUR  
D'HORIZON ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. ROMANIANS SHOWED CON-  
SIDERABLE INTEREST AND CONCERN WITH EVENTS IN AFRICA, A  
NOTABLE LACK OF WORRY ABOUT A POST-TITO SITUATION IN  
YUGOSLAVIA, AND STRONG DESIRE FOR GREATER PROGRESS IN  
BALKAN COOPERATION. ANDREOTTI BRIEFED CEAUSESCU IN GENERAL  
TERMS ON LONDON SUMMIT. HE ALSO GAVE CEAUSESCU LIST OF  
SOME 250 PENDING MARRIAGE CASES (OUT OF APPROXIMATE TOTAL  
OF 800) AND URGED FAST AND FAVORABLE ROMANIAN ACTION; REPLY  
WAS NONCOMMITTAL, HOWEVER. ON CSCE, CEAUSESCU LAID USUAL  
STRESS ON UNITY OF FINAL ACT, BASKET I ITEMS, AND DISARMAMENT.  
WHEN ITALIANS RAISED QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, CEAUSESCU SAID  
ROMANIA IS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED BUT GIVES PRIMACY TO RIGHT TO  
HAVE A JOB, TO AN EDUCATION, AND TO A DIGNIFIED LIFE; COM-  
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6. COMMENT. GENERAL IMPRESSION HERE IS THAT VISIT WAS MORE CEREMONIAL THAN SUBSTANTIVE. ROMANIAN-ITALIAN RELATIONS HAVE BEEN IN THE DOLDRUMS SINCE CEAUSESCU'S 1973 TRIP, AND ROMANIANS QMVE BEEN PUSHING IN RECENT MONTHS TO REINVIGORATE THEM. DURING VISIT OF ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY SEC GEN CRAXI HERE LAST DECEMBER (76 BUCHAREST 7244), FOR EXAMPLE, ROMANIANS MADE STRONG PITCH FOR INTENSIFICATION OF BILATERAL CONTACTS AND SPECIFICALLY URGED AN ANDREOTTI VISIT EARLY IN 1977. ANDREOTTI VISIT MAY CONTRIBUTE TO GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF ATMOSPHERE, A ROMANIAN GOAL WITH BELGRADE CONFERENRK IN MIND, AS WELL AS TO MOVEMENT ON SUCH BILATERAL PROBLEMS AS THE HUNDREDS OF PENDING MARRIAGE CASES. VIETS

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